

I am very concerned by Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election. This unprecedented move would be direct electioneering by a corporate media giant -- and against federal election law. It is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation and completely antithetical to the proper role of the media in a democracy.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But it is clearly using its media power to forward its own political interests. Instead of determining content at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.